but no steps have been taken to remove the anomalies; and

(d) if the answers to parts (a), (b) and (c) above is be in the affirmative, what steps are proposed to increase the foreign allowance of Attaches/Registrars posted in Missions abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) It is a fact that foreign allowance of Attaches/Registrars was marginally lower than that of their immediate subordinates in some Indian Missions abroad but this anomaly has since been removed except in a couple of cases.

(b) Yes, Sir, Third Secretaries' foreign allowance is higher in order to ensure that pay plus foreign allowance is sufficient to maintain the requisite standard. However, it is not a fact that Attaches/Registrars perform the same duties as the Third Secretaries/Language Trainees. The Third Secretaries / Language Trainees are officers with representational functions whereas Attaches/ Registrars have no such reponsibilities.

(c) No written representation has been received in recent past expect one dated 6.11.1986 from IFS (B) Gazetted Officers Association.

(d) It is accepted that there should be a noticeable difference between the foreign allowance of Attaches / Registrars compared to those of their subordinates. This issue will be examined in detail when formula for fixation of foreign allowance of various categories of officials is reviewed after introduction of pay-scales recommended by Fourth Pay Commission in Indian missions abroad. For the present, revised pay-scales have not been intoduced in Indian missions abroad because the quantum of *ad-hoc* reduction in foreign allowance on introduction of new pay scales is still under consideration in consultation with the Ministry of Finance.

Pak espionage network busted in Jammu & Kashmir

782. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Pak espionage network has been busted in Jammu and Kashmir recently;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is the total number of persons arrested so far in this connection and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Enforcement of Handloom Reservation Order

783. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently asked the State Governments to ensure effective and vigorous enforcement of the Handloom Reservation Order and also to improve the production and quality of handloom products;

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(c) what help Central Government propose to render to the State Governments for this task?